

to share concerns about the future of health care and social programs for the elderly. In addition, he served as a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging.

Gene has also taken an active leadership role on the state level, having served as President of the Indiana Association of Homes for the Aging in 1986, and as a member of the Elkhart County Council of Aging from 1982–83.

Gene's impressive career in services to the aging is clearly a labor of love. He consistently strives to raise awareness about the issues facing the elderly. In his 2-year tenure as Chair of AAHSA, he has helped lead the fight to reduce the use of physical and chemical restraints in long-term care facilities, and has championed the establishment of ethics committees in nursing homes.

Although Gene is stepping down as Chairman of AAHSA, he will continue his service to senior citizens through his work at Greencroft and other endeavors. It is a great pleasure for me to pay tribute today to this truly inspiring American, whose lifetime of service to not-for-

profit aging services organizations and older Americans is an example for all.

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TRIBUTE TO SOUTH STREET JOURNAL FOR ILLINOIS' FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 30, 1995*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the South Street Journal, a community based newspaper on Chicago's South Side, on the occasion of their second anniversary.

The South Street Journal has always prided itself on social responsibility providing objective and insightful news while keeping in mind the welfare of the residents of the communities it services. It has built a strong foundation of not only disseminating information but also encouraging communities to become in-

involved in the current events and politics that affect them.

For 2 years, the South Street Journal has provided Chicago's South Side with an informative and relevant community newspaper that fosters open dialogue on current events and helps to strengthen community relations. They have helped register voters and have provided a voice to communities that are sometimes overlooked.

South Side communities such as Washington Park, Hyde Park, Douglas, Oakland, Kenwood, Woodlawn, Fuller Park, Armour Square, Grand Boulevard, and the Gap have all seen the benefits the Journal has provided.

Mr. Speaker, today I stand here to formally recognize the South Street Journal for their contribution to the South Side of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and the United States of America.

I am pleased to enter these words of commendation into the RECORD.